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- (1) Parsons et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,900,328, issued August 19, 1975;
- (2) Angle et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,833,347, issued September 3, 1974;
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